

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## Addendum # 1



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| RFP Title:              | King County Drug Court Evaluation  |
| Requesting Dept./ Div.: | King County Office of Management & Budget  |
| RFP Number:             | 112-05RLD  |
| Due Date:               | February 3, 2005 – no later than 2:00 P.M.   |
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This addendum is issued to revise the original Request for Proposal, dated January 13, 2005 as follows:

1. The proposal opening date remains the same: Thursday, February 3, 2005, no later than 2:00 p.m. exactly.

**The following information is provided in response to questions received:**

- Q1. Please elaborate on the funding mechanism for this program and its evolution over time (success or lack thereof in attracting new funders; support for program among existing or historical funding sources). We understand that multiple sources of funding, mostly time-limited, are offered by Federal, State and County funds. Can you supply relative amounts (current), even if in percentages; and any historical trend data of increases/decreases in funds.

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- A1. *King County Drug Court was from 1994 to 2000 with Department of Justice, City of Seattle, King County General funds, (federal HIDTA - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) and Byrne grant funds administered by the state. In 2001 county funding increased and state funding began. In July 2003, state funding for treatment for King County Drug Court increased by 75%. King County general funds have remained constant and cover all staff, incidental and some treatment costs.*

| Funding Breakdown for KCDC - 2004                      |     |
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| State funds  | 41% |
| Federal (HIDTA - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) | 2%  |
| King County  | 57% |

Q2. What prior cost/benefit analyses have been conducted (detail sources)?

- A2. 1. *King County Drug Court Program Evaluation Final Report: Merlin Bell and Associates, 1998, focused on participant characteristics, outcomes of drug court participation and costs and cost offsets of the program.*
2. *Washington State Institute of Public Policy evaluated six adult drug courts in Washington operating during 1998 and 1999 to test whether Washington's drug courts reduce recidivism rates. The study found that five of these drug courts reduce recidivism by a statistically significant 13 percent. King County did not show significant recidivism so the cost/benefit analysis was not conducted specific to King County Drug Court although it was conducted in relation to the other five counties. Study is available on WSIPP's website.*

Q3. Could you please detail the incentives/rewards and sanctions in the program currently and from a historical perspective?

- A3. 1. *Sanctions are imposed according the current sanction grid. Sanctions include but are not limited to:*
- *In-court "jury box observation"*
  - *Community service hours*
  - *Jail-time*
  - *Other: essay writing, increased attendance at sober support group meetings, demotion to a prior DDC level or termination.*
2. *Incentives: Participants who comply with treatment requirements and DDC rules are rewarded and encouraged by the Court through incentives which include:*
- *Verbal praise*
  - *An award such as coupons or tickets*
  - *Promotion to the next DDC level*
  - *Placement in a special "express" group whose cases are heard first on the calendar.*

Q4. What databases are available? Which ones have been used (or not) in prior analyses of the program?

- A4. *Drug Court instituted an access database in July, 2003. An updated version was incorporated in December, 2004.*

*A 2003 evaluation conducted by the Washington State Institute of Public Policy used drug court data collected in a Paradox data base from 1998 through 2003; then used state data bases to access conviction information.*

Q5. List the key desired uses and audiences of the study. Is this report intended for the Administrative Office of the Courts to validate its worth and to whom? King County? The Office of Management and Budget? New or existing funding sources? Offer as much detail as possible.

- A5. *Use/Audience: to inform policy makers, stakeholders, funders and the public on the impacts and effectiveness of Drug Court.*